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Assistance to Mozambique

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolution 386 (1976) of 17 March 1976,

Recalling also its relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions 45/227 of 21 December 1990, 47/42 of 9 December 1992, 49/21 D of 20 December 1994, 51/30 D of 5 December 1996, 53/1 G of 16 November 1998 and 55/167 of 14 December 2000, in which it urged the international community to respond effectively and generously to the call for assistance to Mozambique,

Recalling further the ten years of peace, stability, economic growth and development in Mozambique and the holding of a special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council on 4 October 2002 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the signing of the General Peace Agreement, which ended the civil war in the country,[1]

Reaffirming the principles for humanitarian assistance contained in the annex to its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991,

Recalling its resolutions 48/7 of 19 October 1993, 49/215 of 23 December 1994, 50/82 of 14 December 1995, 51/149 of 13 December 1996 and 52/173 of 18 December 1997 on assistance in mine action, and stressing the need to foster the

[1] S/24635 and Corr.1, enclosure, annex.

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establishment of national mine action capacity with a view to enabling the Government of Mozambique to deal more effectively with the adverse effects of those weapons within the framework of the efforts for national reconstruction,

Recalling also its resolution 54/96 L of 10 March 2000 on assistance to Mozambique following the devastating floods,

Deeply concerned at the unprecedented floods in Mozambique in 2000 and 2001, which have resulted in the tragic loss of human lives, extensive destruction of property and infrastructure and the dislodging and scattering of landmines,

Deeply concerned also about the severe drought affecting Mozambique and other countries of southern Africa, resulting in famine and poverty,

Deeply concerned further at the impact of natural disasters on the economic, social and humanitarian situation in Mozambique and at the aggravating effects of the human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) pandemic,

Recognizing that natural disasters constitute one of the major problems for the development of Mozambique,

Aware that, to prevent and manage natural disasters, strategies at the local, national and regional levels are required, in addition to international assistance,

Bearing in mind the Brussels Declaration[2] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the decade 2001-2010,[3] adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Brussels from 14 to 20 May 2001, and the mutual commitments entered into on that occasion,

Noting with appreciation the mobilization and allocation of resources by States, relevant organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to assist national efforts,

Noting with satisfaction the support by the international community of the post-emergency reconstruction programme presented by the Government of Mozambique,

Taking note of the donors' conferences held in Rome on 3 and 4 May 2000 and in Maputo on 12 and 13 July 2001, with the aim of mobilizing financial resources for the reconstruction of socio-economic infrastructure and assistance to the people affected by the floods,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Mozambique,[4]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Mozambique;[4]

2. *Welcomes* the positive role of the Government of Mozambique in the relief operations, in particular the close coordination between United Nations and Government efforts;

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[2] A/CONF.191/12.
[3] A/CONF.191/11.
[4] A/57/97-E/2002/76.

3. *Also welcomes* the assistance rendered to Mozambique by various States, relevant organizations of the United Nations system, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and private individuals and groups to support national development efforts and post-emergency reconstruction programmes;

4. *Further welcomes* the ten years of peace, stability, economic growth and development in Mozambique, as well as the progress made in the consolidation of lasting peace and tranquillity, the enhancement of democracy and the promotion of national reconciliation in the country;

5. *Notes* the importance of international assistance for the reconstruction and development programmes in Mozambique, welcomes the pledges made by the development partners for those programmes, expresses its gratitude to the development partners that have already disbursed the pledged funds and urges others to speed up the process;

6. *Urges* the international community to render its assistance to the drought victims and for setting up national, subregional, regional and international disaster prevention, preparedness and management mechanisms, including early warning systems;

7. *Also urges* the international community to continue supporting the Government's efforts to fight the HIV/AIDS pandemic;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements to continue to mobilize and coordinate, with a view to supporting the efforts of the Government of Mozambique:

(a) Humanitarian assistance from the specialized agencies, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system;

(b) International assistance for the national reconstruction and development of Mozambique;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to it, for consideration at its fifty-ninth session, under the item on strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance, through the Economic and Social Council at the humanitarian segment of its substantive session in 2004, on the implementation of the present resolution.